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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
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- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

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☒ Small entity-fee \$ 750.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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STATEMENT

By way of introductory material, in the latter part of 2003, I moved from my office in contemplation of retirement and moved my work area to my home. However, I continue to use my office address for all correspondence, and I still meet clients there. I go to the office several times a week to pick up my mail. Whether this had any impact on this matter I do not know.

I, the undersigned attorney of record for this application, was contacted by telephone by Examiner Mitchell on or about the 15th, or 16th or 17th of November, 2004, regarding a restriction requirement for an election of species. On or about November 19th, after contacting the inventor, I called Examiner Mitchell with the election, but she stated that she had prepared a written action. The matter of the election and the application in general was discussed, and the Examiner faxed some explanatory material to the undersigned. The faxed material is the basis of the Election and Amendment A accompanying this Petition. I very much appreciate the help of Examiner Mitchell in this matter.

When the written action did not arrive in the next week or so, the file wrapper was appropriately filed in a file cabinet, awaiting the written action. Unfortunately, no tickler file regarding the application was made.

I have no recollection of ever receiving the action which the Examiner states was mailed on November 24, 2004. No entry was made on the file wrapper of the receipt of an action, and no entry was made on a due date file which is customarily done immediately upon the receipt of an action.

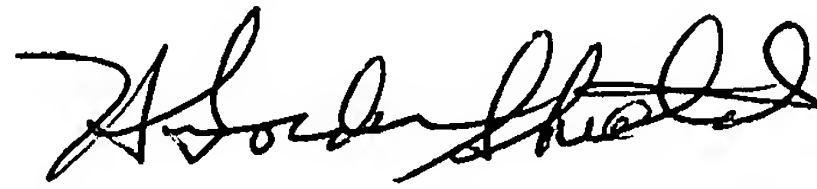
Examiner Mitchell called me Monday evening, June 6th, notifying me that no response was made to the action she said was mailed November 24th, 2004, and accordingly the application is deemed abandoned.. I repeated the facts stated above regarding no receipt of the action. She read the address to which the action was mailed, and I stated that the address was correct. I advised her of the facts recited in the first paragraph, above and further stated that I would file a Petition to Revive. Examiner Mitchell has been most helpful in this matter, and I sincerely appreciate her help and suggestions.

There was never an intention to let this application go abandoned. It is believed that the claimed subject matter clearly defines over the art of record and is accordingly allowable. If the Examiner would prefer other language than that presently in the claims, I'm certain that appropriate language may be agreed upon in order to provide allowable claims. However, since I do not have the written action, I am not aware of any cited art other than the two references faxed to me by the Examiner on November 19th, as stated above. This has also been stated in the REMARKS portion of the accompanying Election and Amendment A. If the Amendment is incomplete, I will quickly and diligently file an appropriate response.

What happened to the missing action is not known. I do not have it, or at least it is not where it ought to be in the file. Whether it was delivered to my office address or not, or got mixed up in Thanksgiving mail, I do not know. In my nearly forty years experience, there have been a few times that correspondence from the Patent Office was lost in the mail, but the effects have always been appropriately minimized without an abandonment. Unfortunately, the holiday seasons at the end of

the year and other matters occupied my mind and I did not follow up on this matter. Again, at no time has it been intended to abandon the application. It is respectfully submitted that the application was unintentionally abandoned, and it is respectfully requested that this Petition to Revive be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Gordon Shields". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H." being small and the last name "Shields" being larger and more prominent.

H. Gordon Shields, Attorney of record

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